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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUOMI OISHI )  
Application No.: 09/222,846 )  
Filed: December 30, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE INPUT )  
APPARATUS, IMAGE )  
INPUT METHOD, )  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND )  
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING )  
PROGRAM STORED IN )  
COMPUTER-READABLE )  
MEDIUM )  
Examiner: D. Meislahn  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows: